



# VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

Which Vehicles are Most at Risk?

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most Americans, and often an indispensable part of their lives. They are used for a myriad of reasons, including going to work, school and the grocery store. But what would happen if that vehicle suddenly disappeared? Many would find it difficult, if not impossible, to take care of even the simplest everyday errands.

The Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) establishes, implements and enforces vehicle antitheft regulations. NHTSA has set the standard to help consumers and vehicle owners address the vehicle theft problem for more than 25 years.

**To learn more about NHTSA's vehicle theft prevention laws and regulations, visit [SaferCar.gov/theft](https://www.safercar.gov/theft).**



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You might think that the most stolen vehicles are expensive sports vehicles or multi-purpose passenger vehicles, but that's not always the case. In fact, according to the FBI's 2012 Uniform Crime Report, nearly 74% of all motor vehicles reported stolen are passenger cars.

According to NHTSA's theft rate data, there were a total of 9,676,738 Model Year 2011 vehicles produced in calendar year 2011—and 9,570 were stolen. Of those stolen, 7,389 were passenger cars, 2,031 were multipurpose passenger vehicles and 150 were light-duty trucks.

The top 10 vehicles from NHTSA's 2011 theft rate data compilation are:

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| <b>1</b> | Dodge Charger        | <b>6</b>  | GM Chevy Impala      |
| <b>2</b> | Mitsubishi Galant    | <b>7</b>  | GM Chevy HHR         |
| <b>3</b> | GM Cadillac STS      | <b>8</b>  | GM Chevy Aveo        |
| <b>4</b> | Lamborghini Gallardo | <b>9</b>  | Nissan Infiniti FX35 |
| <b>5</b> | Hyundai Accent       | <b>10</b> | Nissan GT-R          |

**For more information on NHTSA's final theft rate data, please visit [NHTSA.gov/theft](http://NHTSA.gov/theft).**